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THEN AND NOW

A year ago war orders were coming in small lots to a few communities. At that time, owing to the greatly depressed condition of American industry, even small orders were greatly appreciated. This is indicated by the language of a Boston dispatch to the New York Evening Post, which makes strange reading a year later, after war orders have made such a change in business conditions. This is the way the Post dispatch told the story:

"War orders are already being executed under quite singular circumstances. In a country town of only a few hundred inhabitants is a machine shop (practically the only local industry apart from farming) employing ordinarily ten or twelve men and constructing machines for cutting steel shafting. 'We would be shut down today,' said one of the men this week, 'if it were not for war orders.' The little plant has orders from Europe sufficient to carry it along during several months, and has taken on additional help, its machines now being used to cut shrapnel and shells. This of itself is a very small matter, but the thing is significant of the capacities of this country in a time of real emergency."

Mr. Wilson wants Congress to hurry up and adjourn. He neglected to call Congress in extra session last summer, even though he knew the "world was on fire," because he wanted the center of the stage for himself. Now he has to divide the attention of the country with Congress and he doesn't relish it. However, Congress will adjourn when it gets ready.

"The Chinese were more to be desired as workmen, if not as citizens, than most of the coarse crew that came crowding in every year at the eastern ports"—Woodrow Wilson's opinion of the immigrant from south Europe, taken from his History of the American People.

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RICE CROP IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DEVELOPING SOUTH

"The work of bringing the old lands and the new lands of the South under cultivation," says a writer in Farm and Fireside, "is undergoing a marked change. The task is no longer so much an individual one as it is a co-operative or communal one. Two factors are primarily responsible for the change: the capital required and the difficulty in securing efficient labor."

"Take the case, for instance, of the Grand Prairie of Arkansas, where the culture of rice has revolutionized conditions within the last six or eight years. Land which will produce from 40 to 80 bushels of rice to the acre, selling for 65 cents to \$1 a bushel, can be had for \$20 to \$60. Sometimes one year's crop pays the original price of the land. The lure to the northern farmer, accustomed to no more than 40 to 50 bushels of 60 to 70 cent corn to the acre on \$150 to \$200 land, has produced such an influx of Northern farmers to the Grand Prairie of Arkansas, within the last five years, as was never witnessed in all the South before."

"But the price of the land has not told the whole story. Unless the grower who has thousands of dollars invested in his crop can command the necessary help to harvest and save his crop his hair is pretty sure to turn gray while he is yet a comparatively young man. The labor problem has been, is now, and will long continue to be the bugaboo of the Southern farmer or planter. Farms give way to plantations and porches to galleries once the traveler is a few miles south of St. Louis."

IMPORTANCE OF LOWLY TOAD

(New York Telegraph)

The toad has always been looked upon as loathsome, even poisonous. Yet modern medical research is extracting from toadskin remedies of the greatest value, and the beneficial possibilities of these secretions have by no means been exhausted.

Quack remedies have long been made from the skins of toads, and the Chinese still use such an extract, called "senso," as a cure for dropsy. A well-known remedy among the New England colonists for sprains and rheumatism was a toad ointment made as follows: Four good sized live toads put into boiling water and cook very soft, then take them out and boil the water down to half a pint, and add fresh-churned, unsalted butter, one pound, and simmer together; at the last add tincture of arnica, two ounces.

The native of Brazil made an arrow poison from the creamy secretion of the skin glands of a giant tropical toad, a poison so powerful that it kills big game in a few moments. From this secretion is also obtained a blood-pressure-raising medicine invaluable to the specialist and the surgeon.

But the most valuable and startling part of this toad secretion in the isolation of a beautiful crystalline substance to which toad skins owe its curative powers for dropsy. It seems strange that after a century's ridicule of toad treatment for dropsy as a mere grandmother's remedy, we should now find genuinely scientific confirmation of the practice. It may be objected that all varieties of toads do not give the same secretion as the giant toad from the Amazon, but it has been found that another crystalline substance of very similar properties is found in the skins of the common European toad.

ADOPTION OF PLANK ON SUFFRAGE

Chicago, June 4.—A week of woman suffrage activities designed to exert pressure upon the Republican National Convention for the adoption in the platform of a plank favorable to universal suffrage will begin her tomorrow with the opening of a convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. It will be followed Tuesday and Wednesday by a conference of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the culmination of which will be a parade in which it is estimated that 20,000 women will march and which will carry to the Republican Platform Committee in session at the Coliseum a set of resolutions demanding votes for women.

TUMBLE TO FLOOR FROM HAY MOW BREAKS NECK OF FARMER

Sandusky, Ohio, June 4.—George Alkerman, 36 years old, a farmer, was brought to a hospital here today from his farm in Perkins Township with a broken neck.

He went into the haymow to sleep during a thunder shower, rolled and fell through a hole in the floor. While his body is paralyzed from the throat down, the hospital physicians say there is no indication that death is near.

A NOVEL USE FOR MOVIE BOXES

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WHEN MOTHER JOINED THE FIRM

In the June Woman's Home Companion is the amusing account of the experience of two newspaper editors, who decided to make their mother a partner in their business.

"When she started on the typewriter," one of them says, "we stood around in hearing distance, in vague apprehension, fearful that in some unknown manner she would smash the keyboard. In spite of the fact that everything Mother did was done neatly, correctly and in good time, we were continually in a nervous state of mind about her."

"One evening, though, after we had given her the same instructions in regard to the same piece of work several times, Mother got mad."

"Mother did not stop there. Mother had been thinking and studying since she had started into business. She showed us a dozen mistakes we had been making, and the means of correcting them. She also showed us characteristics in her disposition that she had never shown us before. Sharp rebuke, criticism, advice, censure and encouragement fell rapidly from her lips. She was going to do certain things in that shop if we were willing, and if we were not willing she was going to hunt other employers that were more agreeable to work for. If we would let her, she would take the local beat, keep the books, take care of the correspondence and keep the business office shining. We let her."

"Besides this, she hurriedly outlined a new business-getting policy that appealed to us strongly. Mother began to show her business side, that same side that made her boss at home. Old-timers were selling out and new people were coming into our country. We had devoted but little energy to our subscription list, but had spent all of our time in an aggressive campaign toward developing a going printing business. Mother saw our weak spot. She insisted that we keep after this changing citizenship with personal letters and personal solicitation. She would do the work."

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PONTIFF PUTS BAN ON DANCING

New York, June 4.—Pope Benedict has caused the issuance of an edict forbidding any society under papal jurisdiction from giving any entertainment where there is dancing. The congregations of the Roman Catholic parishes of this city today were surprised by this action, and the works who have used the annual balls as a chief means of raising society funds were confronted with a problem of finding a substitute entertainment.

The Papal decree is said to apply only to the United States and Canada.

"In the last century in the United States the custom sprang up of gathering Catholic families to balls, which used to be protracted to a late hour at night by entertainments and other forms of amusements," begins the decree. It continues:

"The reason and cause given for this was that Catholics might get to know each other better and become more intimately united in the bonds of love and charity. Those who were used to provide over the gatherings were generally the heads of some pious work, but rarely the rectors or the parish priests of churches."

"But the ordinaries of the place, although they entertained no doubt of the upright purposes of those who prompted these dances, still, looking at the perils and losses caused by the growing custom, considered it their duty to forbid them."

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Recently the representatives of a leading English journal, who is over here to prepare an American special number visited Washington and talked with the President, Cabinet and heads of departments and bureaus. He returned to New York and interviewed some of the capitalists, and the burden of his first cable to his employers ran something like this: "I thought I could do this job alone, but I am among a people who think and speak of billions and frankly I must have help, as I feel that my mind alone cannot grasp the immensity of this country's wealth and operations."

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